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### Employment Statistics - June 1948

Year Ended June, 1948.

During the twelve months ended 30th June, 1948, the number of persons in employment (exclusive of rural workers and females in private domestic service) rose by 105,500 (4.7 per cent) from 2,269,000 (1,649,400 males and 619,600 females) in June, 1947, to 2,374,500 (1,730,800 males and 643,700 females). During the year ended June, 1948, private employment increased by 80,300 or 4.7 per cent and employment in all forms of Government Activity (including services such as railways, tramways, posts and telegraphs, education, police, and public works) by 25,200 or 4.5 per cent. Male employment increased by 4.9 per cent, and female employment by 3.9 per cent.

### Rise in Employment Month of June, 1948.

The number in employment at the end of June exceeded the number employed in May by 7,100 (5,200 males and 1,900 females). The total number employed rose in all States and Territories with the exception of Tasmania where there was a drop of 200 during the month (all males).

### Changes in Employment in Industrial Groups (Month of June)

Rises in employment levels during June were recorded in Mining, Manufacturing, Building, Transport, Property and Finance, and Commerce. Employment in Forestry, Fishing, etc. Public Authority Activity, n.e.i., and miscellaneous Occupations decreased. A rise of 600 in the number employed in the Postmaster General's Department was the only significant change in Government Employment.

### Increased Employment in Factories

The total number employed in Factories was 825,200 (619,000 males and 206,200 females). Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc accounted for the greatest numerical increase (700 males and 400 females), while Clothing, Paper and Printing, Brick-making etc., Textiles, Rubber, Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products, Woodworking and Furniture, Jewellery, and Power Works also recorded increases. Decreases occurred in numbers employed in making Musical Instruments and miscellaneous manufactures, Food, Drink and Tobacco, and in Sawmilling.

During the twelve months from June, 1947 to June, 1948, total factory employment increased from 795,700 to 825,200.

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